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## CONGRESS APPROVES FUNDING FOR I-76 IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN FORT MORGAN AND BRUSH

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congress gave final approval to more than \$16 million in funding for specific Colorado highway projects when it approved the 2005 Omnibus spending bill last Saturday, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Wednesday. Included in the legislation was \$1 million for improvements to I-76 between Fort Morgan and Brush.

"This is great news for every Coloradan who uses this stretch of highway. I-76 will be smoother and safer," Senator Allard said. "I requested funding for this project because it is a high-priority item for the Colorado Department of Transportation. Work will now proceed on schedule."

Funding for this and other specific projects is being provided in addition to Colorado's share of FY 2005 highway funding under TEA-21 (the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century). That share is expected to total in excess of \$400 million.